

PROCLAMATION PAYROLL WEEK SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2003

WHEREAS, the American Payroll Association and its 20,000 members have launched a nationwide public awareness campaign that pays tribute to the more than 130 million people who work in the United States and the payroll professionals who support the American system by paying wages, reporting worker earnings and withholding federal employment taxes; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals in our state play a key role in maintaining North Dakota's economic health, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in educating both the business community and the public at large about the payroll tax withholding systems; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals meet regularly with federal and state tax officials to discuss both improving compliance with government procedures and how compliance can be achieved at less cost to both government and businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 1-6, 2003, as **PAYROLL WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

ATTEST:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State